

BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FIS-
CAL YEAR 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2002

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4546) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes:

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Chairman, there are three simple reasons why Congress should support H.R. 4546. America is at War.

We must accept the fact that terrorist groups like al-Queda have one goal and that is to destroy America and our way of life.

As such, we must protect ourselves aggressively. More importantly, we must support our President in his efforts to root out the terrorists.

Our troops must continue to receive excellent training, but that alone won't ensure victory. We have to equip our troops with the most advanced equipment available. This legislation helps to do just that.

The programs funded in the bill are helping to win the war on terrorism. We have funded initiatives that the men and women on the front lines say work.

For example, the bill fully funds Global Hawk—This is something the good people in my district know something about.

I know how important this program is to our national security. But don't take my word for it. Listen to the people leading the fight in Operation Enduring Freedom: Theatre Commander General Tommy Franks called Global Hawk "invaluable". Air Component Commander, General Mosley said "I could use a dozen Global Hawks right now."

While the legislation has funded a number of significant program needs, we also understand that those systems are useless without the brave men and women that operate them. As the men and women of the armed services fight for our freedom, we must fight for their families. We can say we value our troops and the sacrifices they make all day long, but those words mean absolutely nothing if not backed by action. After years of neglect, we finally have an administration dedicated to supporting our military and their families.

This administration and this congress have taken steps to finally give the military the support that they deserve. By including a 4.1 percent pay raise, this legislation shows our troops that we value them and their sacrifices.

Mr. Chairman, I am also pleased that this legislation bears the name of my friend and colleague BOB STUMP. It is truly a deserving recognition and I certainly urge my colleagues to support it as well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 127, H.R. 2911, Des-

ignating the Federal Building located at 5100 Paint Branch Parkway in College Park, Maryland, as the Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 404. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 128, H. Con. Res. 271, Expressing the Sense of Congress Supporting the National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 129, On Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 414, Providing for the disposition of H.J. Res. 84, Disapproval of the Actions taken by the President Under Sec. 203 of the Trade Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 130, on H. Res. 414, Providing for the disposition of H.J. Res. 84, Disapproval of the Actions taken by the President Under Sec. 203 of the Trade Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 131, on Agreeing to the Senate Amendments on H.R. 3525, the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 133, H.R. Res. 87, the Yucca Mountain Repository Site Approval Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF THE SANFORD
MERIDIAN CLASS OF 2002

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor The Sanford Meridian High School Class of 2002, which, "adopted" Pentagon survivor Army Lieutenant Colonel Brian Birdwell.

I applaud the 93 students whose compassion and initiative stirred them to action following the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Their decision to "adopt" a Pentagon survivor is highly commendable. After months of hard work and dedication, the students raised over \$14,000 for Pentagon survivor Army Lieutenant Colonel Brian Birdwell, who will use the money for a college scholarship fund for his son Matthew.

Through the students' acts of kindness and compassion, the members of the Meridian High School Class of 2002 have proven to be true role models for their community. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I am proud to congratulate the Meridian High School Class of 2002 for their admirable efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday during rollcall No. 131 my voting card did not register my "yea" vote. Instead, I was recorded as "not voting." I ask that this state-

ment be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at the appropriate place.

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING
WORK BY PARTICIPANTS IN STU-
DENT CONGRESSIONAL TOWN
MEETING AT UNIVERSITY OF
VERMONT

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize the outstanding work done by participants in my Student Congressional Town Meeting held this spring at the University of Vermont. These participants were part of a group of high school students from around Vermont who testified about the concerns they have as teenagers, and about what they would like to see government do regarding these concerns.

I respectfully request that the following testimonials be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

REGARDING JUVENILE JUSTICE

(By Sean Fontaine, Krystal Turnbaugh, and James Nichols)

SEAN FONTAINE. Hi. I am going to begin. My name is Sean Fontaine. This is Krystal Turnbaugh and James Nichols. We all represent YouthBuild, and we're all members of the policy committee.

We come here today to discuss juvenile justice, the idea of what ongoing problems in the community with juvenile offenders, usually in age brackets of 16- to 17-year-olds, and how it affects the community in terms of positive reinforcement and what we need to do for programs to financially fund these reinforcement types of things.

I got some notes here somewhere.

I'm just going to start with a brief summary. But I'm speaking on behalf of juvenile offenders on the juvenile justice system. We all know the community is just as responsible for the upbringing of these delinquents as they are themselves. Most people fear the youth of America, and it is not a surprise. There are 2.4 million 16- to 24-year-olds in the U.S. that live low-income lifestyles. 360,000 of them are in prison. There are only 300,000 job-training openings among the 2.4 million students, which means that there are a lot of kids running rampant with no positive reinforcement and nothing to do.

There is a very few amount of people that are not involved in the community, because a community involves everybody, even though delinquents are the weakest links, I guess. But in 1997 alone, drug-law violations increased 125 percent, and I'm sure crime has a lot to do with drug use. Drug use is definitely an ongoing problem in my community, and that's something that we definitely need help with. We need more money for youth programs to support drug-free environments, recreational facilities, and low-income housing programs like YouthBuild that promote positive reinforcement and good life styles and living situations.

The biggest problem with juvenile cases today, I believe, is the system that's handling with them. I don't believe it is right to throw kids in jail. We need to improve conditions in SRS today. I attended a meeting, there was a partnership in service, with Dave Martin, the director of SRS. According to him, the caseloads are just unmanageable for their caseworkers, and they're completely understaffed, underpaid, and overwhelmed,